

CHARLES BELDEN VAN DUSEN



1871—Born January 28th, Detroit, Mich.

1877-1885—Attended Detroit Common Schools.

1883-1885—Peddled newspapers after school hours.

1885—Messenger three months Bankers & Merchants Telegraph Co.

1885-1890—Beginning July 28, 1885—Employed by wholesale dry goods firm of Allan Shelden & Company until its dissolution, Jan. 1, 1890.

1890-1904—Continued in wholesale Dry Goods line with Edson, Moore & Company, until December 1, 1904.

1895—Married Miss Minnie Thornton Bulck, July 1.

1904—Became associated with Mr. Kresge in the firm of Kresge & Wilson, December 1.

1909—Built new home on Virginia Park, Detroit.

1910—Bitten by the Gas Bug—bought a perfectly good second-hand car.

1912—Became Secretary and Treasurer of S. S. Kresge Co. upon its organization May 1.

1914—Elected Vice President of the Company at the Annual Meeting March 10.

Served during 1914 as Master of Palestine Lodge No. 357 of Detroit, the largest Masonic Lodge in the world.

In General—Member of Presbyterian Church. Devoted to outdoor sports—particularly horseback riding, cat boat sailing and golf.

A 32° Mason, deeply attached to the fraternity. Blessed with a devoted wife and four fine sons, ranging from eleven to twenty-four years.

1920—Entering the new year happy, healthy and convinced that at forty-nine life is fuller, and the future more promising than ever.

ALEX N. McFADYEN



1885—April 30, born at Sarnia, Ont., Canada. Educated in Ontario Public Schools and Business College.

1905—June 28, left school and entered the 5 and 10c business in store No. 4, Pittsburgh, Pa., at a salary of \$35.00 per month. The store was then managed by Mr. McLevey, who is now with the McCrory Co. Advanced to \$45.00, the third month. In December of same year became discouraged and resigned. Entered office of Wholesale Grocery Co. at salary of \$60.00. Remained there two months, but all the time missed the stimulating excitement of the store. Returned to store No. 4 and remained one year.

1907—April, transferred to Youngstown to assist with the opening and remain balance of year.

1907—May, unexpectedly given the management of store No. 3, Columbus.

1908—January, demoted to store No. 1, as assistant manager.

1908—May, closed old No. 12 Detroit store, and moved stock to No. 17, Cleveland. Opened the new store and managed it balance of year.

1909—January, promoted to management of store No. 8, Chicago.

1910—January, became buyer of stationery, drug sundries, music, notions and post cards. Also superintendent of certain Michigan stores.

1911—February, married Ada Jordan, whom I met when in Columbus.

1912—January succeeded Mr. E. S. Knox as General Store Manager.

1915—February, was sent to France by the Company, to direct the General Supply Department of the Overseas Y. M. C. A.